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PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Application No.: 10/030,163 **Examiner:** Daniel ST. CYR
Filing Date: April 25, 2002 **Art Unit:** 2876
First Inventor: Albert MODL **Customer No.:** 23364
Attorney No.: MODL3002/JEK/JJC **Confirm. No.:** 4360
For: METHOD, DEVICE AND SYSTEM FOR BIOMETRICALLY
AUTHENTICATING A PERSON

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
OF DECEMBER 29, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the office action dated December 29, 2005 in the above application, wherein claims 1-5, 8 and 10-20 are finally rejected. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in accordance with the following particulars.

In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.

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